Upgradation of Gaya airport

622. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to upgrade Gaya airport to international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide foolproof security arrangements at the airport in view of the growing threats from terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) At present, Gaya Airport is suitable for limited International flights. The existing Terminal Building has been renovated and extended to cater to 50 arriving and 50 departing passengers, with Custom and Immigration facilities. The construction work of new Terminal Building, with modern passenger facilities to cater to 500 passengers at a time, at an estimated cost of Rs.10.78 crores, is in progress. The work for strengthening of runway, taxi-way and apron for operation of AB-320 class of aircraft has been completed. Airports Authority of India (AAI) is also planning to construction a new Technical Block, Fire Station etc. AAI has also a proposal to extend the runway from 7500 feet to 9000 feet for operation of AB-300 type of aircraft.

(c) All possible steps like deployment of security personnel of CISF, installation of security equipments, construction of boundary wall, regular patrolling etc. have been taken to provide foolproof security arrangements at the Gaya Airport.

Appointment of Traffic Assistants on compassionate grounds

623. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down by the Indian Airlines for appointment of Traffic Assistants on compassionate ground;

(b) whether persons having weak financial position of ex-employee of Indian Airlines are also considered for such appointments;

(c) if so, the details of person so appointed since 1999 together with the reasons; and

(d) whether he had received any complaint against persons so appointed and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) In Indian Airlines Compassionate appointments may be offered in the following cases at the sole discretion of the appointing authority who may take into consideration such factors as the age, designation of the deceased, financial circumstances of the dependent, age and educational qualifications of those considered for compassionate appointments, etc.

(i) to dependents of employees who die in an air crash or in an accident while on duty;

(ii) dependents of employees who's die while in service in circumstances other than those mentioned in (i) above;

(iii) to spouse/ward of an employee who's services are terminated or who seek voluntary retirement on ground of medical unfitness.

In case of appointment of Traffic Assistants on compassionate grounds, candidate should be matriculate and above. The wards of the deceased may be granted age relaxation of 5 years. In case of spouse of deceased employee upper age limit may be waived.

(c) A Statement indicating details of Traffic Assistant appointed on compassionate grounds from the year 1999 to June 2002 giving the grounds of appointment along with their qualifications and age is Annexed.

(d) No such complaint regarding persons appointed on compassionate grounds has been received in this Ministry.

Statement

List of Traffic Assistants appointed during 1999 till June, 2002 on Compassionate Ground

Sl. No.	Name (S/Shri)	Age	Qualification	Grounds
1999				
1.	Ms. N.P. Gholkar	19 years	1st Year B.Com.	Father's death
2.	B.G. Sawant	21 years	SSC, Diploma in Industrial Electronics	Voluntary Retirement of Father on medical grounds
3.	Ms. H.L. Bahadur	18 years	S.S.C.	Father's death
4.	Ms. S.R. Rao	19 years	1st year B.Sc.	Father's death
5.	A.K. Jamra	22 years	H.S.C.	Father's death
6.	Ms. Vijaylakshmi	35 years, 11 months	B.A.	Husband's death
7.	V. Vats	23 years	12th, Diploma in System	Father's death
8.	Ms. Anita Thapar	32 years	B.A. B ED, PGD-Advt.	Father's death
9.	Ms. Renu Jain	32 years	M.Sc. (Bot.), Phd.	Husband's death
10.	A.K. Tripathi	18 years	12th	Father's death
2000				
11.	Gurwinder Singh	19 years, 9 months	AISSCE	Father's death
12.	D.C. Williams	22 years 1 month	H.S.	Father's death
13.	F.P. Guzdar	21 years	H.S.C.	Father's death
14.	D.M. Sonawale	21 years	H.S.C.	Father's death
15.	Ms. Neeti Sohanpal	35 years	B.Sc.	Husband's death
16.	Paurav Harit	21 years	12th	Voluntary Retirement of Father on medical grounds

Sl. No.	Name (S/Shri)	Age	Qualification	Grounds
2001				
17.	Dhan Bahadur	20 years	Higher Secondary	Father's death
18.	Ms. D.V. Gurav	19 years	H.S.C.	Father's death
19.	P.G. Bansode	33 years	II year B.Com.	Brother's death
20.	G.V. Guthe	24 years	B.Sc.	Father's death
21.	Ms. L.A. Thomas	21 years	H.S.C.	Father's death
22.	Ms. Lovelina Kujur	19 years	10th	Father's death
23.	S.R. Vincent	32 years	B.A.(P)	Father's death
24.	H. Wadhawan	24 years	B.Com(H),LL.B.	Father's death
25.	Smt. Rajni Jandyal	35 years	10th	Husband's death
26.	Arun Verma	26 years	12th	Father's death
27.	N.D. Sharma	25 years	12th	Father's death
28.	Saurav Mahajan	25 years	B.Com(P)	Father's death
2002				
29.	Pinaki Chatterjee	29 years, 1 month	Higher Secondary	Father's death
30.	P.B. Malakar	22 years	B.Sc.	Father's death

Air link between India and Canada

624. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to start direct air link between India and Canada;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any discussion in this regard has taken place with Air Canada;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is on the basis of bulk-seat arrangement or some other arrangement; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?